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"One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."
–Andre Gide

PTCO Day is near!

by Barb Gantt

Bring yourself, family and friends to a fun-filled day awaiting you on Sunday, May 2, 1999 at Caskey Gym from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.! Wide variety of booths, food sales, games, assorted prizes, raffles and swimming activity (2:30 to 4:30 p.m.), clowns, appearance of McGruff the Dog from the Indianapolis Police Academy and many more – the traditional fun you have counted on to enjoy in the past will be on hand for you all!

We are in great need of parent volunteers to help with students' games and supervision of swimming pool activities — please contact Wendy Brimmer at 546-7792 (TTY) [Wbrim75907@aol.com) and Tami Hossler at 823-5191 (V/TTY) [Onthego321 @aol.com] if you can help.

For further questions, Barb Gantt, PTOO Day chairperson, can be reached at 576-9849 (TTY) [PTCODay@aol.com].

Bob Canty also reminds everyone to turn in raffle ticket stubs and money to him at ISD as well as unsold tickets.

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Obituary: Ruth E. Johnson

by George Stailey

We want to thank Ms. Martin Miller for informing us that Ruth Evelyn Johnson, 80, of Elkhart, Indiana, died in her home on March 18, 1999, of natural causes.

Dress code

from the Administrative Team

The current dress code policy found in the ISD Parent and Student Handbook reads:

Dress Code:

"Students are expected to wear their clothing and to manage their appearance in such a manner which does not disrupt the educational setting, interfere with health or safety, or promote vulgarity.. It is not our desire or intention to dictate the type of clothing to be worn to school since we believe this to be a responsibility of the individual, but we may find it necessary to say what shall not be worn. Students will be requested to dress appropria tely.

"Neither tops that expose the midriff or hats are considered appropriate dress for school. In addition, clothing that advertises gangs, drugs, alcohol, and suggestive or obscene writing is inappropriate, attracts attention, and therefore, is disruptive to the education climate."

Recently students and staff have brought up the issue of students wearing shorts in school. An Education Team meeting resulted in this clarification:

High School and Middle School - Students will be encouraged/required to dress appropriately and follow the dress code so that the educational process is not disrupted. Shorts are permitted at any time throughout the school year (promoting positive/appropriate student decision making).

Elementary - Shorts are permitted from the opening of school until September 30th, and from May 1st to the end of school (not permitted October 1 - April 30).

Pre School - Parents, Supervising Teacher, and staff will monitor and make appropriate decisions based on activities and weather.

TEAM ISD update

by Mandi Mueller

TEAM ISD 1999 HAS REALLY GROWN! We now have **35** dedicated individuals who have committed to raise $3000 to be donated towards the future ISD challenge rope course. TEAM ISD consists of individuals who will bravely participate in the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon on May 1, 1999. (That's 13.1 miles they'll be walking/ running to show their pride in themselves and their love of ISD). Other TEAM ISD members will be cheering us on during the weeks of training and at the actual event.

To help us keep track of our fundraising progress, the ISD Woods class has made a wooden tote board to mark our fundraising achievements. Check it out near the guard shack when you drive into ISD. TEAM ISD would like to thank Ron Borron, for including this project in his class, and the following students for creating this masterpiece: Mike Corbin, Amanda Huser, Mike Lee, Kyle McConnell, Johnny Mazurkiewkz, Bobby Polstra, Justin Smith and Justin Wilson.

May 1st is coming fast! Keep up the words of encouragement and all the hard work and training!!

GO TEAM ISD!!!

Creating a gentler home

"First Draft" newletter

It's easy to get caught up in all the frustrations of home life. But if you simply let go of the little, irritating factors, you'll be more likely to truly appreciate your famliy. Here are some ways to keep the focus on important matters:

- Be more like a kid. Children live in the present. That's a tougher task for adults. Try to put aside worries, regrets, and future tasks to exist fully in the moment.
- Accept the fact that there is always work to be done -- do the dishes, fix a broken sink pipe, organize the garage, mow the lawn. The list is endless. Don't think that one day it'll all get done, and then you'll be able to relax. Try to keep up, but don't expect to complete everything.
- Keep desires in check. You'll always want more of this or that -- and not just in terms of material things. It's good to do your best, but don't demand life to always get better.
- Bickering is natural. Don't worry if your kids occasionally argue with each other. It's a healthy part of being a child.
- Speak calmly. If you really want people to pay attention to you, speak in a calm manner. You'll be surprised how everyone else will do the same.

Reynolds named coach

By Brian Bippus

Athletic Director, Brian Bippus announced that David Reynolds has been selected as the head football coach for Fall 1999 replacing Mike Jackson. Mr. Reynolds had b7een assistant coach with the varsity football team for several years. Reynolds, who currently teaches English in the High School department, has worked at ISD since 1985. He played all sports at the Illinois Deaf School and Gallaudet University. He is married to Cynthia who teaches in the preschool department. They have twin sons, Jonathan and Justin in ISD's 8th grade and another son, Jason, at Amy Beverland Elementary. David is looking forward to his new venture with the HS team.

Dining Out for Life

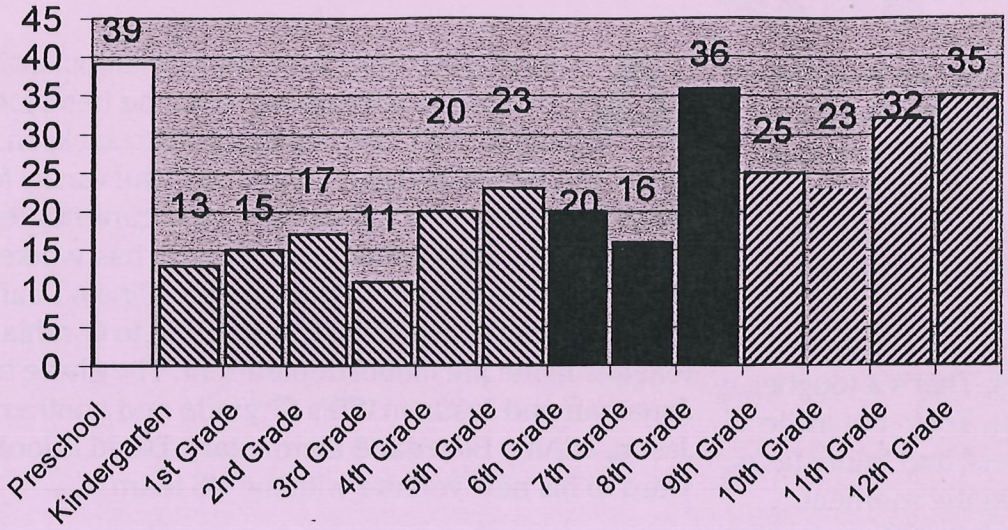
by Jim Frenchik

Dining Out for Life" is a special fund-raising program in which more than 30 cities across the country work collaboratively to help fight AIDS. Coined "The Easiest Fund-Raiser in the World to Participate In," all you have to do is have a meal at one of the participating restaurants on the evening of April 29. Twenty-five percent of your total bill will be donated to a local AIDS service agency. In Indianapolis, the benefactor is The Damien Center. The Damien Center is very "Deaf friendly": they have been assisting Deaf clients for several years and have a special TTY phone line.

More than fifty local restaurants, including all three TGIFridays, Mezzaluna, the Broad Ripple Brew Pub, Arni's, the Abbey, BW-3, Lord Ashley's, Café Patachou, Bravo, and the California Café , have promised to pledge their support that evening.

For a complete list of participating restaurants, contact Jim Frenchik in Middle School or see the list posted outside of the Middle School computer lab, Room 142 in Alumni Hall.

Enrollment
as of 4/12/99
Total: 325



Deafywood

by Rita Mowl

DEAFYWOOD IS A TROUPE OF TRAVELLING PERFORMERS FROM Hollywood, California. Their performances include performance sketches such as "The John Leno Talk Show" and dance numbers. Voice interpreters will be on hand for both performances.

Deafywood will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, and Saturday, May 9, in the ISD auditorium in Alumni Hall. Doors will be open at 6:45.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door — if they're not sold out! You can purchase tickets by mail by contacting Rita Mowl at ISD, 1200 E. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46205. Please make sure that you specify which performance you would like to attend and how many tickets you need. Also, please let us know if you require special consideration, such as wheelchair seating or visually-impaired accommodations.

Mail-order tickets can be picked up at the box office on the night of the performance.

Kudos to "The Rollercoaster"

by Kathleen Robertson

TO THE ENTIRE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS involved in the recent production of "The Rollercoaster" I wanted to take this opportunity to express how much I appreciated this production. It was outstanding! The script was very well written and the actors and actresses did a tremendous job portraying their characters and conveying the seriousness of what it means to be HIV+ and the impacts it can have on one's life. The scenery and sound effects were superb and definitely added to the performance. I found the posted artwork very interesting. The tickets, pamphlets, and programs were very well done and the interpreters did a great job of conveying the emotions that the students were depicting. It was obvious that a lot of hard work and cooperative effort were put into this production. I applaud you all for a job well done. Thank you for sharing.

Staff Development Briefs

by Mary Alice Moon

If you would like more information on any of the following workshops you may contact the Staff Development Office, which is located in Building 6 in Room 223. Our phone number is ext. 414. There is also additional information on the bulletin board outside the office.

ISD has no more funds for training at this time. If you are interested in attending any kind of training between now and July 1, you will have the pay for the training. You would still need to fill out the same paper work and get permission to use work time for the training in order to attend the workshop.

Title: Myer-Briggs Type Indicator
Offered by: StatePersonnel
Skills: Participants will learn their own personality type and how personality types effect work relationships, groups can work together more harmoniously and how various personality types are motivated
Date: May 18
Cost: $25
Location: State Office Building

Title: Information and Records Management
Offered by: State Personnel
Skills: Participants will learn the legal framework of records management and how to minimize storage problems
Date: May 19
Cost: Free
Location: State Office Building

Title: Conflict Resolution
Offered by: State Personnel
Skills: Participants will learn how to identify and defuse situations that could turn into conflict
Date: May 20
Cost: Free
Location: State Office Building

Title: Pre-Retirement Planning
Offered by: State Personnel
Skills: Participants will learn all of the steps they need to go through as they begin to think about retirement.
Date: May 27
Cost: Free
Location: State Office Building

Title: Working Together: Strategies for Early Intervention Teams
Offered by: Indiana's Unified Training System
Skills: Participants will be able to assess their current functioning, discuss issues they face, set priorities and learn strategies that can assist they as they go about their important work
Date: April 27
Cost: $30
Location: American Red Cross Building

Title: Developing Communication Skills to Manage Controversy
Offered by: Indiana's Unified Training System
Skills: Participants will be able to analyze their own communication skills for controversy and to refine their strategies and techniques for interacting with others in these situations.
Date: April 28
Cost: $30
Location: American Red Cross Building

The next *Campus Bulletin* will be distributed on Friday, April 30. Please send any items that you would like to appear in this issue to Jim Frenchik in Middle School by Monday, April 26. You can also submit by e-mail at JimFrenchik@hotmail.com